GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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APPOINTMENT IN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Scheduled Castes is functioning without a Chairman and sufficient staff;

(b) if so, the reasons for not appointing the Chairman and sufficient staff in the said Commission;

(c) the reaction of the Government on their appointment;

(d) whether the Commission has not been conferred adequate powers inspite of being a constitutional institution;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(f) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure smooth functioning of the Commission; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (c) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes was constituted on 24.2.2004 for three years. The proposal for reconstitution of the Commission is under active consideration of the Government. The staff position of the Commission is annexed.

(d) to (g) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes is vested with adequate powers for independent functioning, which have been enumerated under Article 338 of the Constitution.